

AMENDMENTS**In the specification**

Please amend the specification as described herein. No new matter has been added.

Please amend paragraph [0004] as follows:

[0004] As a result of the height of the full-pocket, the parent is forced to lift a majority of the weight of the child, which may potentially cause back injury to the parent and may agitate or awaken a resting child. Additionally, a child's skin may be irritated and a rash may develop on a child's leg or lower back where the child's leg meets the rim of the pocket. The irritation may be caused by the weight and movement of the child pressing against the discontinuity between the seat and the rim or edge of the blanket. Further, the full-pocket blanket may bind and clump resulting in ~~uncomfortable on~~ discomfort to a child's leg or back.

Please amend paragraph [0032] as follows:

[0032] In other embodiments, fasteners are used to connect the left and right flaps. A ~~Velcro type~~ VELCRO® hook and loop type material may be used as a fastener. Alternatively, other fasteners, such as buttons, snaps, hooks, zippers or other self-latching material or structures, may be used. The fastener may be located near the edges or corners of the left-hand and right-hand sides of the upper portion. For example, ~~Velcro~~ a VELCRO® hook or loop type material may be placed on the inside of one flap and the other of the hook or loop type material may be placed on the outside of the other flap, thereby when one flap is folded over and pressed against the other flap, the blanket will be held closed behind the child's back.

Please amend paragraph [0033] as follows:

[0033] Some embodiments include a pass-through opening 40 for a three-point (T-strap) safety harness or a five-point safety harness. A single pass-through opening 40 (e.g., a horizontal

shaped slit) in the blanket 10 accommodates the center strap of a harness thereby allowing the remaining straps of the harness to be placed over the blanket. Advantageously, to insert the center strap, it is not necessary to move and lift a child's legs. A parent simply ~~insert~~ inserts the center strap through the opening 40 then continues to apply the blanket 10. Once the blanket 10 is wrapped around the child, the parent finishes connecting the harness in the usual manner.

Please amend paragraph [0045] as follows:

[0045] FIGURE 8 shows a blanket 10 ~~having a various~~ having various accessories according to some embodiments of the present invention. On the front of the blanket 10 is a flat-pocket 1002. The flat-pocket may be formed simply by stitching or otherwise attaching a pocket shaped piece of material to a face of the blanket 10. Unlike other blankets that do not have an orientation, the blanket 10 of the current invention has an orientation that may be used to guarantee an opening of a pocket is always facing upwards. Additionally, the flat-pocket 1002 may have a closing mechanism, such as ~~Velcro~~ a hook and loop type material, a zipper, a button, a snap, elastic or the like.

Please amend paragraph [0046] as follows:

[0046] ~~Also shown on the~~ On the front side of the blanket 10 ~~is a cup-pocket 1004. may also include a cup-pocket.~~ The cup-pocket 1004 is designed to hold a child's cup. Also shown is a security loop 1006 attached to the blanket 10. The security loop 1006 is security attached to the blanket such that a child's tugging and pulling will not cause the loop 1006 to separate from the rest of the blanket 10. The security loop may also be used for hanging the blanket 10 for drying after the blanket 10 is washed. ~~The figure also shows a bib 1008~~ A blanket may also include a bib on the front of the blanket 10. An incorporated bib 1008 aids in protecting any clothe material of the blanket 10 from direct food and drink spillage.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Claims 11 and 16 are currently amended.

In the claims

Claim 1 (original): A blanket comprising:

a lower portion, wherein the lower portion forms a pouch having a top opening configured for receiving a pair of feet; and

an upper portion, wherein the upper portion includes a back portion, a left-hand side flap, a right-hand side flap, and one or more fasteners, the left-hand side flap connected to the back portion and the right-hand side flap connected to an opposite end of the back portion, wherein the one or more fasteners are fixed to one or more of the left-hand side and right-hand side flaps, and wherein the upper portion defines a width and a height wherein the width is greater than the height; and

wherein the back portion of the upper portion is attached to at least a portion of the top opening of the lower portion.

Claim 2 (original): The blanket of claim 1, wherein the lower portion and the upper portion comprise a sheet of fabric material.

Claim 3 (original): A blanket for a child, the blanket comprising:

a lower portion, wherein the lower portion forms a pouch having a top opening configured for receiving a pair of feet of the child; and

an upper portion defining a center portion, a left-hand side flap to the left of the center portion, a right-hand side flap to the right of the center portion, wherein:

the upper portion includes one or more first-half fasteners on the left-hand side flap and one or more corresponding second-half fasteners on the right-hand side flap;

the first-half fasteners and the corresponding second-half fasteners are configured to temporarily fasten together the left-hand side flap and right-hand side flap when the blanket is in a closed position; and

wherein the upper portion defines a width and a height wherein the width is greater than the height; and

wherein the center portion of the upper portion is attached along at least a portion of the top opening of the lower portion.

Claim 4 (original): The blanket of claim 3, wherein the lower portion and the upper portion comprise a sheet of fabric material.

Claim 5 (original): The blanket of claim 3, wherein:

the height of the upper portion is approximately 8 to 14 inches;

the width of the upper portion is approximately 28 to 36 inches;

the lower portion has a height of approximately 8 to 14 inches; and

the lower portion has a width of approximately 10 to 16 inches.

Claim 6 (original): The blanket of claim 5, wherein:

the height of the upper portion is approximately 10 inches;

the width of the upper portion is approximately 30 inches;

the height of the lower portion is approximately 12 inches; and

the width of the lower portion is approximately 14 inches.

Claim 7 (original): The blanket of claim 3, wherein:
the height of the upper portion is approximately 14 to 18 inches;
the width of the upper portion is approximately 40 to 46 inches;
the lower portion has a height of approximately 16 to 26 inches; and
the lower portion has a width of approximately 16 to 24 inches.

Claim 8 (original): The blanket of claim 7, wherein:
the height of the upper portion is approximately 14 inches;
the width of the upper portion is approximately 42 inches;
the height of the lower portion is approximately 18 inches; and
the width of the lower portion is approximately 18 inches.

Claim 9 (original): The blanket of claim 3, wherein:
the height of the upper portion is approximately 14 to 20 inches;
the width of the upper portion is approximately 42 to 60 inches;
the lower portion has a height of approximately 24 to 36 inches; and
the lower portion has a width of approximately 26 to 36 inches.

Claim 10 (original): The blanket of claim 9, wherein:
the height of the upper portion is approximately 16 inches;
the width of the upper portion is approximately 44 inches;
the height of the lower portion is approximately 22 inches; and

the width of the lower portion is approximately 32 inches.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The blanket of claim 3, wherein the first-half fasteners and the corresponding second-half fasters comprise ~~a first half of Velcro striping and a corresponding second half of Velcro striping~~ a hook striping and a corresponding loop striping.

Claim 12 (original): The blanket of claim 3, wherein the upper portion further defines a small opening to allow part of a safety harness of a multi-point child seat restraint system to pass through the small opening.

Claim 13 (original): The blanket of claim 3, wherein the upper portion further includes a cup-pocket sized for a child's cup.

Claim 14 (original): The blanket of claim 3, wherein the upper portion further includes a secure loop.

Claim 15 (original): The blanket of claim 3, wherein the upper portion further includes a flat-pocket.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A blanket for a child, the blanket comprising:
a lower portion, wherein the lower portion forms a pouch having a top opening configured for receiving a pair of feet of the child;
a strip portion; and

an upper portion defining a center portion, a left-hand side flap to the left of the center portion, a right-hand side flap to the right of the center portion, wherein:

the upper portion includes one or more first-half fasteners on the left-hand side flap and one or more corresponding second-half fasteners on the right-hand side flap; and

the first-half fasteners and the corresponding second-half fasteners are configured to temporarily fasten together the left-hand side flap and right-hand side flap when the blanked is in a closed position; and

wherein a top edge of the strip portion joins along a bottom edge of the center portion of the upper portion;

wherein a bottom edge of the strip portion joins along a portion of the top opening of the lower portion;

wherein the lower portion, the strip portion and the upper portion comprise a sheet of fabric material;

wherein the upper portion has a height of approximately 14 to 18 inches;

wherein the upper portion has a width of approximately 40 to 46 inches;

wherein the strip portion has a height of approximately 1 to 4 inches;

wherein the strip portion has a width of approximately 14 to 18 inches;

wherein the lower portion has a height of approximately 16 to 26 inches;

wherein the lower portion has a width of approximately 16 to 24 inches;

wherein the first-half fasteners and the corresponding second-half fasteners include ~~a first-half of Velcro striping and a corresponding second half of Velcro striping~~ a hook striping and a corresponding loop striping; and

wherein the upper portion further defines a small opening to allow part of a safety harness of a multi-point child seat restraint system to pass through the small opening.

Claim 17 (original): The blanket of claim 16, wherein:

the height of the upper portion is approximately 14 inches;

the width of the upper portion is approximately 42 inches;

the height of the strip portion is approximately 2 inches;

the width of the strip portion is approximately 16 inches;

the height of the lower portion is approximately 18 inches; and

the width of the lower portion is approximately 18 inches.

Claim 18 (original): The blanket of claim 16, wherein the upper portion further includes a cup-pocket sized for a child's cup.

Claim 19 (original): The blanket of claim 16, wherein the upper portion further includes a secure loop.

Claim 20 (original): The blanket of claim 16, wherein the upper portion further includes a flat-pocket.